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Bush Telegraph T4W7

Principal's News

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Reverse Christmas Tree

The idea of The Bush School 'Reverse Christmas Tree' is simple – rather than receiving gifts beneath the tree, with give them. Each year the school makes a collection to give to the Salvation Army at Hornsby who distributes these gifts to children in our area who are less fortunate than us. Giving is simple too: provide new, un-wrapped gifts/toys to the office foyer before Wednesday 30 November. We will do the rest!

Student Numbers 2017

Based on our surveys and phone calls home to parents, we are anticipating forming 28 classes in 2017. I would be most appreciative if families could please notify me of any change of plans (either to leave the school or to return) that are different from your previous response as we

organisations after the new school year begins.

2017 Enrichment & Extension Class Nominations

The school runs small-group withdrawal classes for students identified by teachers and parents as having needs superior to most in terms of academic functioning in literacy and numeracy. I now invite parents to nominate their child for consideration into an enrichment withdrawal class for 2017. If successful, your child would be removed from their normal class for 80 minutes once a week to work with other very high achieving students. I take this opportunity to remind parents that this kind of delivery is not suited for most children and only the upper echelon of students will be considered. For the majority of students, the best place to receive quality differentiated instruction is in the general classroom. [Nomination form](#). Nomations close on Monday.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Ruth Carlos has received a well-earned promotion to the position of Assistant Principal at Asquith Public School. She will end a long and successful stint at Wahroonga at the end of the year. Mrs Carlos has been the school's computer coordinator, senior teacher and kindergarten teacher and Assistant Principal in her time at the school. She has led a number of school and Departmental initiatives to enhance the quality of teaching and learning and is well-respected by all students and the community. In 2017 we will be without a number of other staff members too, who are moving on to greener pastures or taking a variety of leave. Miss Spillane commences as Assistant Principal at Lindfield Public School. During her three years at Wahroonga Miss Spillane has set a very high standard as an innovative classroom teacher and leader of STEM education. She has successfully taught in the middle and senior school and has quickly earned a positive reputation amongst the community. Mrs Ginny Barton, a long-term School Learning and Support Officer will enter retirement. Mrs Barton has worked alongside a number of individual students with high needs and has worked tirelessly to support their achievement of outcomes. She is a most dedicated educator whose contribution to the school will be greatly missed. Miss Angie Bosman will be re-locating to Western Australia, taking her vast musical and teaching talents with her. The students throughout the school

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including one of the Schools Spectacular. Mrs Donna Morrison and Mrs Fran Hall will be on leave for 2017. I know that the community will join me in wishing these staff members all the best for what lies ahead.

Sony Foundation Camp Firefly

Another charity worthy of our support is the Sony Foundation Camp Firefly, which is hosted by PLC on December 10-13. This camp gives children with special needs a four day experience full of activities and interactions but also gives much needed respite for parents, siblings and primary carers. The loneliness these children suffer trapped inside their conditions severs them from what most children take for granted, especially in terms of friendships and care-free play. Sony Camp provides connection, unconditional positive regard and unbridled fun. In lieu of the devastating news we all read recently regarding one beautiful family from St Lucy's that fell between the cracks of our community and were left isolated in their grief and burden, it is clear not enough is being done to support these families in such dire need. One of our students' siblings will be attending the camp this year. Donations can be made via [this link](#).

Tweet-a-thon II

They said it would never work, and now I am planning the second instalment of #askmrmoth! As part of my commitment to connecting and responding to the community, I will be tweeting live next Thursday 1 December between 6pm and 9pm. Community members can tweet their comments, questions or queries to @Moth_T with the hashtag #askmrmoth. Last semester some interesting community issues were raised including traffic, with the Ku-ring-gai Council also joining the conversation. To watch the 'action' you don't need an account, you can follow through [this link](#).

Schools Spectacular Tonight

I am writing now with high anticipation in readiness for tonight's Schools Spectacular which will feature the Wahroonga PS choir. Mrs Piper and Miss Bosman have been most proud of our students' commitment. I am looking forward to the show!



Band Tour

This week 45 Wahroonga students, accompanied by Mrs Seage, Mr Edwards, Mrs Griffith and Mr Barnsley headed north for the annual band tour. This tour provides important performance opportunities for our students and exposes regional schools to high quality music which often ignites a flame of passion in those who watch. I've received emails from community members as far as Forster lauding our students for their behaviour and performances.



Mrs Nemati's Recipe

Homemade recipe for Green Beans + Pasta: [Here it is...](#) Enjoy.

P&C Meeting 7 December

The final P&C meeting for the year was to be held next week, but as a number of executive members of the P&C are unable to attend, we will now hold the meeting on Wednesday 7 December at 7:00pm in the staffroom. An agenda will be published shortly.

Tom Moth

Principal

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Band News

Friday: Xmas Band night [Read more...](#)



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P&C News

7 December 7pm:
P&C Meeting



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T4W8: K-6 Assembly

KW and 5W item
 Kooki Pins



ERC News

T4 update [click here...](#)

Deputy Principals' News

Important Dates for Week 8

Reverse Christmas Tree

It has been a long tradition at The Bush School to think about giving rather than receiving gifts. As a school we make a collection to give to the Salvation Army at Hornsby who will distribute these gifts to children in our area who are less fortunate than us.

We are hoping that there will be a late rush of donations before **Wednesday 30 November**.



Please DO NOT wrap the gifts, and no second-hand toys will be accepted. Collection points are at the school office, in 6F and in KC. These donations will be collected by the Salvation Army. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Monday 28 November

Library Stocktake begins
 KB & KW excursion

Tuesday 29 November

Wednesday 30 November

Last day for Reverse Christmas Tree

Kindergarten Incursion Field of Mars KL KW KB

7pm: P&C meeting

Thursday 1 December

Last day for swimming lessons

10:15am Christmas Gifts to the Salvation Army

10:30 -11:15 Scripture Christmas Service

11:15am: Morning Tea for Scripture & Ethics teachers

2:15pm: K-6 Assembly - 5W & KW item; Kookaburra Pin

Friday 2 December

12:45pm: Principal Banner Award lunch

Christmas Band / Dance Night

K-2 Celebration Day and 3-6 Presentation Day Assemblies

Tuesday 6 December 9:30am: K-2 Celebration Day

Wednesday 7 December 9:30am: 3-6 Presentation Day

Swimming lessons finish next week

Thank you to all the swimming instructors and parents who supported this very important Sports program. We are very lucky at The Bush School that we can provide swimming lessons at school.



Upcoming events

Week 9

Last week for Band Tutorials

Library Stocktake

Dec 5: 11:40am 3-6 Presentation Day practice; 2pm: K-2 Celebration Day practice

Dec 6: 9:30am K-2 Celebration Day - Intermediate Band, Junior Choir, Junior Dance Group

Dec 7: 9:30am: 3-6 Presentation Day - Senior Band, Senior Choir; Reports home

Dec 8: No Assembly

Week 10

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Dec 13: Stage 3 Show (evening)

Dec 14: Tree Giving Day

Dec 15: Party Day; No Assembly

Dec 16: Last day for students; 9:30am - Talent Quest; 2pm - Yr 6 Graduation;
3pm - Year 6 Guard of Honour**Debbie Evans and Kris Graham: Deputy Principals**deborah.evans2@det.nsw.edu.aukristine.graham@det.nsw.edu.au[@WPSbushschool](#)

Student Showcase



KCD and 5C's Assembly item

This video captures the moment a moth was caught on video during Assembly last week. Warning: it takes about 15 mins.



Stage 3 build solar lights

[SolarBuddy](#) helps Australian students to develop a deeper understanding of energy poverty and the challenges faced by children and families living in developing countries.



Edwin Tomlins (@edtomlins - Nov 18)

St 3 Building solar lights to support the Buddy2Buddy campaign. Real advocacy at work #wahroongaproud @WPSbushschool brightbeambydoble.com/buddy-2-buddy/



They aim to achieve this by educating Australian children about energy poverty, renewable energy and global citizenship.

Last week Stage 3 built solar lights for these buddies so that they can have light in their homes. They also wrote letters to them to initiate a relationship that will hopefully prolong the connection.

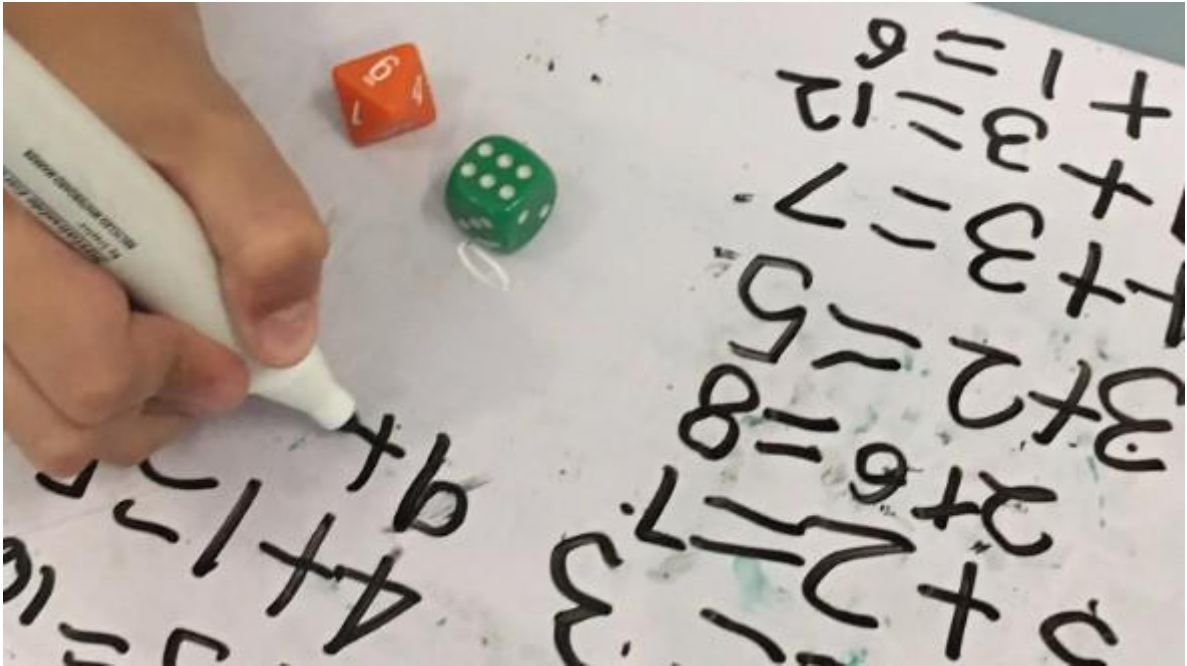
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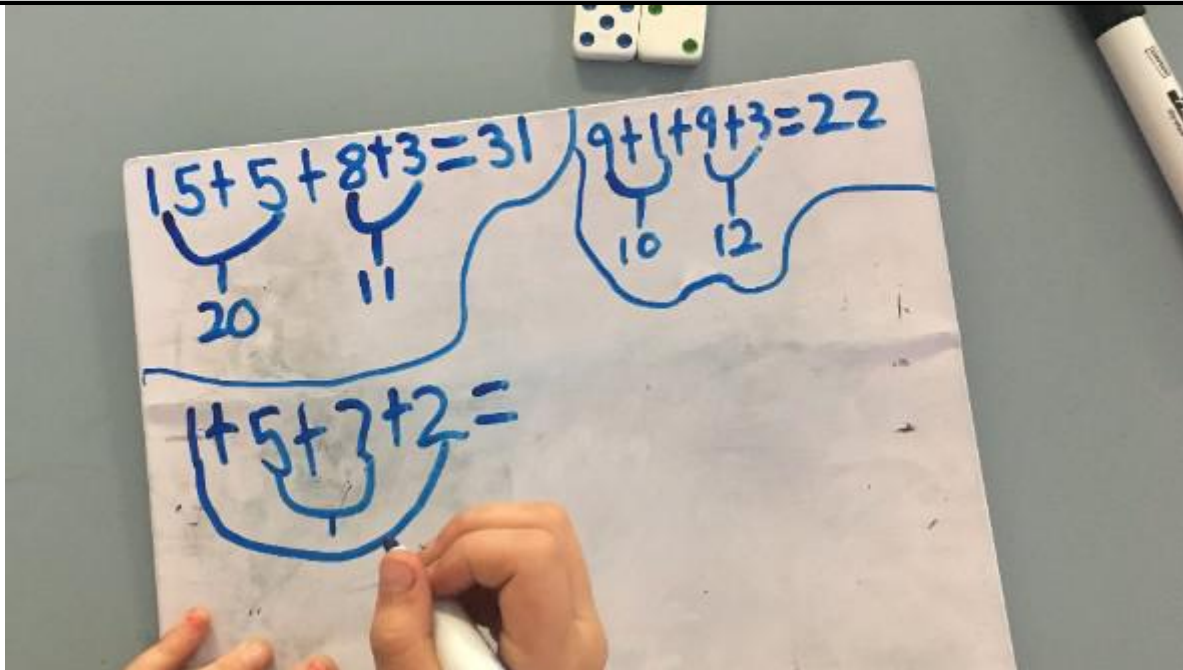
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K-2 Mathematics



Targeted Early Numeracy in K-2 classes

The K-2 teachers from Wahroonga and Hornsby Heights Public Schools have completed a year long professional learning program together in TEN. Teachers use engaging activities using dice, dominoes and playing cards to help student use the most efficient strategies when solving addition and subtraction problems.



Mrs Graham

Talent Quest

Talent quest preparations are well underway for this year and we are very excited to give students an opportunity to showcase their skills. This year there will be 3 categories to encourage a variety of acts:

- Vocal/ Instrumental solo or ensemble
- Dance
- Comedy/Skit/Magic

Students will need to see their classroom teacher to collect an audition form. Please see below for your child's allocated audition day. Those wishing to audition will need to come to the audition with:

- Music on either a USB or CD (max. 3min)
- A completed audition form

Students without these will not be permitted to audition. Students will only be required to perform a short excerpt for the auditions. Please tell your child not to be disheartened if the teachers cut off his/her performance and be reminded that all music must be age appropriate and should not contain course language.

Audition Dates

Week 6 - Year 5 & 6 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Week 7 - Year 3 & 4 Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes.

Week 8 - Year K-2 Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

All auditions will be held in the Enrichment Room. Good luck and happy practising!
The Talent Quest Committee

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netball skills, come along to Netball courts. Bring trainers.

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Sue Campbell - Netball coach



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